

CLAIMS

1. A support assembly for a ground-engaging component of a vehicle which includes a base section, a column which is mounted for movement relatively to the base section between a travelling position and a storage position, a locking assembly for holding the column, according to requirement, in the travelling position or in the storage position, and an actuator, and wherein, when the column is in the travelling position, the actuator is movable from a rest position along a release path to initiate a release of the locking assembly and thereby allow the column to be moved from the travelling position to the storage position.
2. A support assembly according to claim 1 which includes a biasing member which biases the actuator to the rest position.
3. A support assembly according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the ground-engaging component is a wheel of the vehicle.
4. A support assembly according to claim 1, 2 or 3 which includes a stand which is movable from an inoperative position to an operative position, at which the stand provides support for the vehicle, when the column is moved from the travelling position to the storage position.
5. A support assembly according to any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein the locking assembly includes a connecting member which pivotally

connects the column to the base section, and a locking member which is engageable with a first complementary formation on the connecting member thereby to keep the column in the travelling position.

- 5           6.    A support assembly according to claim 5 wherein the actuator, when moved along the release path, causes the locking member to disengage from the first complementary formation.
- 10           7.    A support assembly according to claim 6 wherein the locking assembly includes an interlock component which is movable between a first position, at which the interlock component prevents disengagement of the locking member from the first complementary formation, and a second position at which the interlock component allows disengagement of the locking member from the first complementary formation.
- 15           8.    A support assembly according to claim 7 wherein the interlock component is pivotally movable in a first direction, from the first position to the second position, and the actuator is pivotally movable, along the release path, in a second direction which is opposite to the first direction, to cause the locking member to disengage from the first
- 20           complementary formation.

9. A support assembly according to claim 8 wherein the actuator is pivotally movable in the first direction to apply a braking force to the vehicle.
10. A support assembly according to claim 9 wherein the interlock component is moved in unison with the actuator when the actuator is moved in the first direction.
11. A support assembly according to any one of claims 5 to 10 wherein the locking member is engageable with a second complementary formation on the connecting member thereby to keep the column in the storage position.
12. A support assembly according to any one of claims 1 to 11 wherein the base section includes a fuel tank.
13. A support assembly according to claim 12 wherein the base section has mounted to it a driven wheel of the vehicle.
14. A scooter which includes a support assembly according to any one of claims 1 to 13.
15. A scooter which includes a base section, a driven rear wheel mounted to the base section, a front wheel, a connecting member which connects the front wheel to the base section and which allows the front wheel to be moved between a ground-engaging position and a storage

position, a locking member which is engageable with a first formation to retain the front wheel in the ground-engaging position and with a second formation to retain the front wheel in the storage position, an actuator which is movable from a rest position, in a release direction, to cause the locking member, when engaged with the first formation, to disengage from the first formation and, when the locking member is engaged with the second formation, to disengage from the second formation, and an interlock component which is movable between a first position at which the interlock component prevents the locking member from disengaging at least from the first formation and a second position at which the locking member is disengageable from the first formation.

16. A scooter according to claim 15 wherein the actuator is pivotally movable in the release direction and the interlock component is pivotally movable, in a first direction which is opposite to the release direction, from the first position to the second position.

17. A scooter according to claim 16 which includes a biasing member connected between the interlock component and the locking member whereby, when the interlock component is moved in the first direction from the first position towards the second position, the biasing member biases the locking member into closer engagement with at least the first formation.

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18. A scooter according to claim 16 or 17 wherein the interlock component is caused to move in unison with the actuator, when the actuator is moved in the first direction.
19. A scooter according to any one of claims 15 to 18 wherein the actuator exerts a braking force on the rear wheel when the actuator is moved in a direction which is opposite to the release direction.